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1. ADA ROGERS, WHO SAYS HE IS NOW COORDINATING ALL JDL CASES IN DA'S OFFICE, TOLD MISOFF THAT TASS CORRESPONDENT BASKAKOV WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE TO APPEAR IN COURT MARCH 1 WHEN COMPLAINT BY JDL MEMBER MUALLEM TO BE HEARD. ROGERS SAID DA'S OFFICE WOULD DEFINITELY OBTAIN DISMISSAL OF CHARGES AND THAT PRESENCE OF BASKAKOV'S ATTORNEY NEEDLEMAN WOULD BE "MORE THAN SUFFICIENT."

2. ROGERS SAID USUN COULD INFORM NEEDLEMAN THAT BASKAKOV NEED NOT APPEAR. MISOFF DID THIS ON FEBRUARY 25, BUT NEEDLEMAN LATER CALLED BACK AND REPORTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ROGERS AND BASKAKOV AND DECIDED THAT BASKAKOV SHOULD COME TO COURT ON MARCH 1 AND REMAIN IN BACKGROUND IN CASE JUDGE INSISTS ON HIS APPEARANCE. NEEDLEMAN CAME TO THIS CONCLUSION, AMONG OTHER REASONS, ON ADVICE THAT JUDGE WHO WILL HEAR CASE IS UNPREDICTABLE. MISSION DOES NOT FEEL IT ADVISABLE TO TELL SOVS NOT TO HEED THEIR OWN ATTORNEY'S ADVICE IN THIS MATTER.

3. ROGERS ALSO SAID THAT ON MARCH 3 KAHANE WOULD APPEARED FOR

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HEARING ON DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGES ARISING FROM DECEMBER 18, 1969 DEMONSTRATION. TASS NEWS AGENCY CASE OF DECEMBER 29, 1969, SCHEDULED FOR HEARING MARCH 22. AMTORG CASE OF JUNE 23, 1970 (24 DEFENDANTS) SCHEDULED FOR JURY TRIAL APRIL 26. ROGERS ALSO SAID KAHANE AND OTHERS WOULD PROBABLY BE BROUGHT BEFORE COURT IN APRIL ON FELONY INDICTMENTS ARISING FROM DECEMBER 27, 1970 DEMONSTRATION.
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